

FREDERICK COUNTY 2003 AGRICULTURAL PROFILE

<i>Farm Numbers</i> ¹	<i>1992</i>	<i>1997</i> ³	<i>2002</i>
<i>Number of Farms</i>	1,346	1,429	1,273
<i>Average Size (acres)</i>	166	153	154
<i>Land in Farms (acres)</i>	222,768	218,044	195,827

<i>Livestock Inventory</i> ¹	<i>1992</i>	<i>1997</i> ³	<i>2002</i>
<i>Cattle</i>	73,252	64,460	52,940
<i>Hogs</i>	2,811	5,006	2,483
<i>Sheep</i>	2,625	3,472	2,646

<i>2002 Value of Sales</i> ¹			
<i>All Products (\$1,000)</i>			96,753
<i>Milk (\$1,000)</i>			50,042
<i>Grains & Oilseeds (\$1,000)</i>			10,271
<i>Poultry & Eggs (\$1,000)</i>			²

<i>Demographic Data</i> ¹	<i>1992</i>	<i>1997</i> ³	<i>2002</i>
<i>Average Age of Operator</i>	54.1	55.7	56.0
<i>Percent Female Operators</i>	4.2	11.5	15.2

<i>2002 Equine Census</i>			
<i>Number of Equine Places</i>			2,180
<i>Equine Inventory</i>			8,290
<i>Value of Equine Inventory</i>			\$47,310,000

<i>Crop Production Acres Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002</i> ¹			
<i>Corn for Grain</i>	9	<i>Soybeans</i>	8
<i>Barley</i>	2	<i>Vegetables</i>	13
<i>Forage</i>	1	<i>Wheat</i>	6

<i>Livestock & Poultry Inventories Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002</i> ¹			
<i>Beef Cattle</i>	1	<i>Milk Cows</i>	1
<i>Broilers</i>	21	<i>Sheep</i>	3
<i>Hogs</i>	7		

¹ Source: Census of Agriculture, NASS.

² Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

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<i>Crop</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Acreage Harvested</i>	<i>Yield</i>	<i>Total Production</i>
<i>Corn for Grain (bushels)</i>	<i>2001</i>	23,500	90.1	2,117,000
	<i>2002</i> ³	22,100	80.5	1,778,000
	<i>2003</i>	23,500	124.8	2,932,800
<i>Corn for Silage (tons)</i>	<i>2001</i>	24,000	13.5	324,000
	<i>2002</i> ³	25,400	10.6	268,700
	<i>2003</i>	20,000	18.6	372,000
<i>Soybeans (bushels)</i>	<i>2001</i>	25,900	35.4	918,000
	<i>2002</i> ³	22,200	28.6	634,600
	<i>2003</i>	20,500	43.4	890,200
<i>Wheat (bushels)</i>	<i>2001</i>	12,000	65.4	785,000
	<i>2002</i> ³	11,900	61.0	726,000
	<i>2003</i>	12,000	38.9	466,300
<i>Hay (tons)</i>	<i>2001</i>	44,000	2.3	100,000
	<i>2002</i> ³	44,900	2.3	102,100
	<i>2003</i>	41,000	2.8	112,700
<i>Barley (bushels)</i>	<i>2001</i> ³	4,000	71.8	287,000
	<i>2002</i> ³	4,600	81.1	373,100
	<i>2003</i>	4,600	61.0	280,800

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* Acreage too small to publish.

	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>
<i>Cropland Cash Rents (per acre)</i>	\$53.03	\$59.97	\$50.57

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